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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 18th-April, through Sunday, 25th-April there were 208 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, JA, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TN, TR, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V4, V5, V6, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4M200/YV200/YW200, VENEZUELA (Special Event)

Look for several different stations to be active until December 31st, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Venezuela's Independence. Some of the stations that have been active are:

4M200AJ - Operator Manuel; Activity mainly on PSK on 40/30/20/15/10m; QSL via YV5AJ.
YV200D - Operator Paolo; Activity mainly on RTTY on 30m; QSL via YV1DIG.
YW200A - Operator Alfredo; Activity on PSK and SSB on 20/15m; QSL via YV5SSF.
YW200ER - Operator Elvis; Activity on SSB on 40/20/15m; QSL via YV8ER.
YW200L - Operator Frank; Activity on RTTY and PSK, on 30/15m; QSL via YV5LI.
YW200T - Operator Juan; Activity on SSB, RTTY and PSK, on 40/30/20/15m; QSL via YV5JBI.

A "Bicentenary of Venezuelan Independence Award" is available by working all the 6 special callsign: 4M200AJ, YV200D, YW200A, YW200ER, YW200L and YW200T. More information is expected to be available at:

http://www.radioclubvenezolano.org/concurso.htm

5BWAZ ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Scottie, WK3N, (the man who never sleeps according to Martti, OH2BH) on becoming the 816th person to work all 200 zones on 5 bands!

8Q, MALDIVES

Ron, DL5JAG, will be active as 8Q7SR and on holiday from Embudu Island, South Male Atoll (AS-013), between May 8-23rd. No other details were provided. QSL via his home callsign, direct w/SAE and proper postage for return. Log will be uploaded to LoTW 1-2 months after his holiday, and for eQSL.cc about 1 month. Also, he does mention to visit the following Web page:

http://www.protectthemaldives.de

AFRICAN TOUR

Operators Les/W2LPL and his son Daniel/W2DBL will be active as ZS6/homecall from South Africa between August 11-15th. Activity will be on the HF bands, mainly SSB. They will also be active as A25/homecall from the Tuli Bloc, Botswana, between August 16-19th. Activity will be the same as above. QSL via their home callsign (**(QRZ.com)** address).

BSCC UPDATE

Alexander, UR5EAW, reports that the BSCC (Black Sea Contest Club) thanked all who took part in the "Black Sea Cup International - 2010", as well as invites all to take an active part in their competition in 2011! To learn all the details about this contest, you can follow any responses at:

http://bscc.ucoz.ru/index/black_sea_cup_international/0-54

Preliminary results of the Black Sea Cup 2010, which can be found:
FINAL RESULT - "Black Sea Cup International" - 2010 at:

http://bscc.ucoz.ru/index/bsci_2010_final_result/0-56

BW, TAIWAN

Yoshihiro, JK2VOC, will be active as BW2/JK2VOC between June 18-20th. No other details were provided. QSL direct to his home callsign.

CO, CUBA

Members of the Cubans Amateur Radio Federation (CO2FRC) will be active during the Volta Contest (May 8-9th) as a Multi-Multi entry. Operators mentioned are: Gustavo/CO2NO, Lazaro/CO2WL, Jesus/CO2IZ and Winston/CO2WF.

CO, CUBA

Gustavo, CO2NO, plans to be active during the odd days in April and May, between 1200-0000z, on 20 meters (14070 kHz) using the BPSK31 mode, and between 0300-0000z on 40 meters (7038-7040 kHz) using modes BPSK31 and JT65A. QSL via only direct (w/SAE) to HA3JB: Gabor Kutasi, H-8601 Siofok, P.O.Box 243, Hungary. Please write on your QSL card your E-mail address (If Gabor received your QSL, he will send an E-mail feedback).

CQ72, PORTUGAL (LH Op!)

Members of the Algarve STAR DX Team (16 operators) will activate 6 Algarve Lighthouses simultaneously between May 15-16th. There will be six teams to activate the following lighthouses using the following callsigns [CQ72LH(*)] callsigns:

CQ72LHA - Ponta do Altar Lighthouse
CQ72LHM - St. Maria Lighthouse (Culatra Island)
CQ72LHP - Ponta da Piedade Lighthouse
CQ72LHR - Vila Real St. Antonio Lighthouse
CQ72LHV - S.Vicente Lighthouse
CQ72LHZ - Alfanzina Lighthouse

This activity is to promote Algarve STAR DX Team DFFA award (Algarve Lighthouses Award

http://algarvedx.com/dffa

Their operations are also valid for many other awards. For more details and an online log search, visit:

http://www.algarvedx.com/cq72lh/cq72lh.htm

QSL all CQ72LH(*) LH callsigns via CT2HTN, by the Bureau or direct to: Carlos Manuel Oliveira, Arroteia CX. Postal 595 E, Livramento, 8800-102 TAVIRA, PORTUGAL.

CR1, AZORES

Operators Carlos/CU3CO, Pedro/CU3DI, Joao/CU3DR, Jose/CU3EQ, Dinarco/CU3HV and Mike/CU3HY will be active as CR1FSC from Forte Santa Catarina (DMHP AZ-010 and WCA CT-00337) on **Terceira Island (EU-175)** between April 30th and May 2nd. QSL via CU3EQ, direct or by the Bureau.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE

Operators Jacek/SP5DRH and Jerzy/SP3BQ will be active as H40KJ and H40BQ, respectively, from **Pigeon Island (OC-065)** in the Reef Islands Group between October 7-22nd. Activity will be focus on 160 and 80 meters using mostly CW. Some Digital operations are planned but on 30/20m only. Depending of propagation, they will be active on higher bands as well. Due to lack of power on the island, they will only have one station running at the time. Equipment will be: two Elecraft K3/100 with two 600w amps, one 26m high Spiderbeam pole, one 18m high Spiderbeam pole and GP7 antenna by SP7GXP. QSL via their home callsigns. Online logs are mentioned on their DXpedition's Web page at:

http://www.sp5drh.com/h40

HS8, THAILAND

Wut, HS8JYX, will be active during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via HS8JYX, direct, by LoTW and eQSL. Visit his Web page at:

http://www.hs8jyx.com

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN

David, OK1FJD/OK6DJ, will be active as HB0/OK6DJ/P between June 3-6th. His activity will include the IARU Region 1 Fieldday Contest. He will use a Kenwood TS480hx into a G5RV and dipole antennas. QSL via OK1DRQ, by the Bureau or direct. Also QSL via LoTW.

IOTA NEWS

AS-005. Valery, RZ9DX, is now active as RZ9DX/0/A from **Medvezh'i Islands** (Bear Island, RR-06-27) in the Kara Sea Coast West Group (in the Arctic Ocean Basin). Activity has been mainly on 20 meters CW and SSB, but he intends to fix his antennas for the other HF bands. His length of stay on the island is unknown at this time. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-008. Operators Jurij/MM0DFV and Alan/GM4TOQ will be active as GB8RUM from **Isle of Rum** between April 30th and May 3rd. Their activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and BPSK63. QSL via MM0DFV.

SA-008. Members of the Radio Club of Ushuaia (LU8XW) will once again be active from the City of Tolhuin on **Tierra Del Fuego Island** (W.A.P. - W.A.D.A Ref ARG-23) starting at 0100z, on May 22nd through 0300z, on May 24th. Activity is to commemorate the 25th anniversary of their radio club. Operations will be on CW, SSB, PSK, RTTY and the satellites. QSL via LoTW or direct to WD9EWK. All contacts on this expedition are valid for the Radio Club Ushuaia Permanent Diploma. For more details, check out their Web page at:

http://www.lu8xw.com/index.php

SA-081. Pedro, HK3JJH, who was recently active from Playa Blanca (SA-084), will now be active as 5K8T from **El Morro Island** between April 30th and May 4th. Activity will be on 40-20 meters SSB. Suggested frequencies are: 14260 and 7160 kHz (+/- QRM). QSL via his **(QRZ.com)** address.

IS0, SARDINIA (Update)

Members of the F6KOP Team will be active as IS0R from Isola Rossa, Sardinia (EU-024, Loc. JN41ka), between May 7-15th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, using 3 stations on HF and 1 station on 6 meters. They plan to use CW, SSB and RTTY. Each station will be a FT450 with an Acom 1010 using Micro Ham and PC. Antennas include 6m Yagi Beam, Spider Beam for 30-10m, 4 square for 40m, vertical for 80m (K9AY) and an Inverted L for 160m plus a beverage. Operators mentioned are: Team leader Thierry/F4TTR (SSB), John/F5VHQ (SSB), Sergio/IS0AWZ (SSB), Norbert/ F6AXX (CW), Maurice/F5NQL (CW), Bruno/F5AGB (CW), Jean-Paul/F8BJI (Digi), Henri/F1HRE (Digi), Frank/F4AJQ (Digi), Gerard/F2JD, Sebastien/F5UFX, Gabriele/I2VGW and Eric/N7RN. QSL will be via Florent, F5CWU. QSL via direct (w/SAE and right postage) or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW (a few

months later, when the bulk of the paper QSLs have been processed.). For more info/details, see their Web page at:

http://is0r.perso.sfr.fr/cariboost1

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (For April 26th- May 2nd)

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Apr  26    AN          SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS
Apr  27    AN          --------------------
Apr  28    AN          BN - Below Normal
Apr  29    AN          AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
Apr  30    AN          LN - Low Normal
May   1    AN          HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
May   2    AN          DIS  - Disturbed
                       VDIS - Very Disturbed


GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between
        0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between
        7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less
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NCDXF PRESS RELEASE (April 20th)

"At its annual board meeting at the Visalia (California) International DX Convention last weekend, the Northern California DX Foundation elected two new directors, W6SZN and K6MM, bringing the board compliment back to eleven members. W6OAT and K6ANP recently retired after many years of dedicated service to NCDXF.

Kip Edwards, W6SZN - Kip was a board member of NCDXF in the 80's. He is a Life member of ARRL, DXCC Honor Roll, 5BDXCC and 5BWAS. Kip has been on a number of DXpeditions including Rotuma, and Clipperton. He has also been past president of the Northern California Contest Club and is currently the secretary/ treasurer of the YASME Foundation. Kip is an attorney and resides at Kings Beach, Ca.

John Miller, K6MM - John is both an active DXer and very much into contesting as past President as well as secretary/ treasurer of the Northern California Contest Club. John's other hobbies include antenna experimentation, music composition and Harley Davidson motorcycles. John and his wife live in San Jose. John is retired from a large corporate consulting firm.

Please direct any questions to: Glenn Johnson, W0GJ Vice President, NCDXF"

PACIFIC TOUR (Update/Wallis & Funtuna and the Fuji Islands)

Operators Mini/JA2NQG, Yuji/JH2BNL and Shige/JI2UAY had to change their plans for their upcoming operations. The trio will be active (on their way to Wallis) from Nadi on the Fiji Island between July 13-14th. Callsigns are not yet known. Activty from **Wallis Island (OC-054)** will take place between July 14-24th. They will also try to activate Hoorn Island (OC-118) in the Futuna Island Group. The callsigns requested are FW5M (JA2NQG), TO2BNL

(JH2BNL) and FW5FM (JI2UAY). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using all modes. QSL via their home callsigns.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

NEW QSL ROUTE. Effective immediately, Buzz, NI5DX, is the QSL Manager for the radio club station in Martinique. The club callsign is **FM4KA**. All QSL requests for contacts made with the club station in the past or in the future should be sent to NI5DX. Buzz is waiting for past logs to be sent. Cards will either be shipped to Buzz from Martinique or will have to be printed. A very nice Web site for the club is available for viewing at:

http://www.fmhamra.com

NOT THE QSL MANAGER. QSL Cards for **PT7BZ** should be sent directly to his callsign. Do not forward cards to KQ0B as he has no logs for his activity.

Vladislav, RN4LP, informs OPDX that he is now the QSL Manager for **EK6LP**. QSL only direct via RN4LP: Lakeev Vladislav, P.O.Box 208, Dimitrovgrad, 433512 Russia.

YI9PSE QSL STATUS. The YI9PSE DXpedition Team reports on their Web page: "The YI9PSE QSL card designs have now been sent to the printer. We cannot add any more sponsors or donors to the cards at this time. We will continue to add donors of 25 USDs or more to the Sponsors page of our website. All donors of 5.00 USDs or more will be sent our deluxe folding picture card. We expect to begin mailing our QSL cards within the next six weeks. Thank you...."

QSLS VIA LoTW: 5W0OU AND ZK3OU

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B9WR, 3DA0VB, 5H3VMB, 5H3VMB/5, 7P8AO, 7Q7VB, 9J2FM, 9J2VB, 9U0VB, 9X0VB, A25NW, C6AUM, C91VB/6, D60VB, ET3SID, H44MY, HC8GR, J37BO, OD5/DL6SN, PV1S, SV1DPI, SV2ASP/A, TX3A, V21ZG, V51VV, VP6DB, W4/VG3RA, XX9TLX, Z2/UA4WHX, ZS2DL and ZZ6Z

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5K0CW, 6Y0B, DL2RVL/HI8, DL4MO/TI8, HH4/K4QD, HI3/N3SY, HP4/W4JKC, P40CG, PS7YL, T32Z, TO5E, TO5RZ, VK9X/G6AY, YW5F and ZF2GU

S7, SEYCHELLES (AF-024)

Marq, CT1BWW, has announced that he will be active as S79BWW between July 17-31st. He states that the main purpose of this activity is to be the first official WFF (World Flora Fauna) DXpedition on Seychelles -- reference number WFF004. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (operating split) using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 3507/3527, 7050/7055, 10117/10119, 14006/14054, 18084, 21021/ 21054, 24897 and 28007/28027

SSB - 7060 (listen above 7200 for NA), 14145/14260, 18140, 21260 and 28477

RTTY - 10137, 14080, 21080 and 24977 kHz

QSL via, CT1BWW, by the Bureau or direct. This operation will be valid for DXCC, WAZ, WAC, WPX, IOTA, WFF, ZONE 39 and the BWW Award. For more details, look at:

http://www.ct1bww.com/s79bww

SILENT KEY

It is sad to report that well-known DXer and doctor Vince Thompson, K5VT, became a Silent Key (SK) at the age of 67, 11:30 AM Saturday, April 24th. He was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (M5) four weeks ago and has been in the hospital since early March. Vince will not only be remembered as a great doctor, but as an avid DXer who was on many DXpedition teams and activated many rare locations. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of K5VT.

TK9, CORSICA

Members of the the Valle Brembana DX and Contest Team will be active as TK9E between May 2631st. Operators mentioned are: Enzo/IZ2GLU, Fabio/IZ2GMT, Andrea/IZ2AJE, Diego/IW2MZX and Claudio/IK2AOO. Activity will be on 80-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters. QSL via IZ2GLU. For more details, see their Web page at:

http://www.radioamatori.vallebrembana.org/vbdxc/Spedizioni/Corsica_2010/TK9E.htm

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (Also News About 5U)

Jan, DJ8NK, informs OPDX that Paul, F6EXV, and he will be active as guest operators from Christian's, TL0A, station between May 13-26th. They plan to have 2 stations on the air simultaneously. Look for Jan to focus his activities on RTTY, while Paul will be on CW. Chris will continue his SSB operation and CW/RTTY from time to time after May 26th. Bands of activity will be on 40-6 meters, maybe some 160/80m (it is late in the season for the low bands, plus it is the rainy season in TL with daily storms). Operators will use standard DX frequencies, and always run "SPLIT".

PLEASE NOTE THE QSL INFO! QSL direct to the QRZ.com TL0A address. "Neither Jan, nor Paul, will be able to confirm any contact. So we repeat, QSL ONLY via TL0A. Jan and Paul also mention, "We are unlikely to have internet access from the station. There will be no online log. This operation could not have taken place without Christian's full support, help and cooperation. We already want to thank him a lot for making this possible. So see you from the Central African Republic." Also mentioned, " Chris, TL0A, should definitively leave the Central African Republic in July 2010 and probably return over to Niger (5U5U) next September."

TM24, FRANCE (Special Event)

Look for TM24H to be active between May 30th and June 13th, to celebrate the 78th edition of the "Le Mans 24 Hours" car race. Activity will be on the HF, VHF and 50 MHz bands using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY modes. A special QSL card will be printed. QSL Manager is F6KFI. Take a look at the interesting collection of QSL cards for this event at:

http://pagesperso-orange.fr/bruno.martineau/radio/24h00.htm

TS8, TUNISIA (IOTA Op)

Just a reminder that Alfredo, IK7JWX, will lead a team of operators to activate two IOTA islands between April 27th and May 4th. Operators mentioned are: Alfredo/IK7JWX, Leo/I8LWL, Raul/IC8ATA, Titti/IK8GQY (YL), Armando/IK8BPY, Ampelio/IS0AGY,

AntoNello/IK2DUW, Rosy/IW2NLC (YL), Michele/IK2GPQ, Simon/IZ7ATN, Ruggero/IK2PZC and Stanislav/IZ2GRG. The team will air **Djerba Island (IOTA AF-083**, ARLHS TUN-022, WLOTA L-1394, 3VFF-008) as TS8P starting possibly the evening of April 27th. They "may" also activate **Kuriat or or Conigliera Island (IOTA AF-092**, ARLHS TUN-002, WLOTA L-0974, 3VFF-007) as TS8P/p on May 1-2nd. Activity will be on all HF bands and 6 meters, using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via IK7JWY. Online logs will be available at:

http://www.i8lwl.it

VK4, AUSTRALIA (WFF Op!)

Operators Gary/VK4FD and Dale/VK4DMC will activate Undara Volcanic National Park (WFF VKFF-506, GL: QH21HS) from Australian Mainland as VK4YN between 0000-2359z, May 21-23rd. Suggested frequencies are per the WFF website +/- QRM. Antennas are: a 4 element tri-band Yagi 10/15/20m, double extended zepp 40m, and G5RV for 80m and the WARC bands. QSL Manager is VK4FW, fastest way is via OQRS at:

http://www.odxg.org

ZA, ALBANIA

Chris, HG5XA, will be active as ZA/HA5X from the town of Orikum and a beach on the Bay of Vlora between June 10-24th. Activity will be holiday style, but he plans to activate some lighthouses and/or WFF locations. Please listen to the operator's comments for possible Lighthouse and WFF references, if any. Chris will also focus on some 6 meters and portable battery operations. Also, please remember that this is not a DXpedition, but a family holiday with his XYL Marta, ZA/HA9WM, and twin 5 year old daughters. Operating times will be limited and of lower priority. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. If possible, please DO NOT send QSL cards. Paper QSLs will be available both direct and by the Bureau using the OQRS (Online QSL Request System) to be launched and announced later. Bureau cards will be sent out using GlobalQSL.

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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